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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: T. MATSUURA et al
 Serial No. 10/108,439
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Group Art Unit: 2818
 Examiner: D. Nhu
 For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A METHOD
 OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents
 Mail Stop Patent Application
 P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/108,439, filed on March 29, 2002, entitled A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
 LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
 PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee					\$ 750.00
Total Claims	10	-	20	=	0 x 18 = 0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0 x 84 = 0.00
Total Filing Fee					\$ 750.00

3. A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, twelve (12) sheets, Figs. 1-19(b).

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Yonezawa Electronics Co., Ltd.

8. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 11-371260, filed December 27, 1999.

The certified priority document was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/733,929, filed December 12, 2000.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/108,439, as originally filed on March 29, 2002.

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